

BEGINS THE WAR

EUGENE WARE AIMS HIS CANNON AT HIS ASSAILANTS.

He reiterates that this country should jump in and lick somebody. He declares we are a nation of fighters. The first that patented a three-day battle and relegated the old plan of letting the side that was the worse scared get licked—wants Cuba to have her freedom.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 21.—Eugene F. Ware has come out in an open letter in defense of his war speech recently delivered before the pupils of the Topeka high school, at a flag raising. He commences by explaining that "fighting" was not to be taken literally, but that it was a metaphorical expression. Then Attorney General "Buck" Dawes was substituted, but he had to go away. "We walked in where the other fellows feared to tread," says Mr. Ware, "and made a few sensible remarks, as Dick Blue would say, and ever since then the Pop papers and the female suffrage women have been referring to it in language so incoherent that one cannot tell whether it is praise or blame." But he chooses to consider them all belligerents, upon the theory of the Texan, who, in an early day, came to Kansas and said that it wasn't "good business" to suppose that the other fellow's intentions were peaceable if he was needed.

"The first one to attack the speech and to show up in a cursory way many shortcomings was a colored brother. He pointed out in clear and concise language that when we enumerated 'our ancestors' who had died for the flag and our independence, we had not mentioned the colored man. The writer apologized and promised to include among his ancestors, in the next speech, every color in the solar spectrum, including the recently discovered and undeline tint. The writer then went down to his house justified.

"The next day Mrs. Otis, the wife of the Populist gentleman who ran a milk wagon and who had been campaigning simultaneously without getting tired, called together a large room full of amiable sweet and soulful ladies of whose names are unknown to us, hence no names are mentioned, and made them a speech which was quite long and of a mildly hydrological character. In this speech war was depicted as being improper, unwise, and at times dangerous, and she cited more than one well-authenticated instance in which a man had lost his life. Many of the women present, so the reporter said, shed large, salty, pearly, humid, sympathetic tears.

"Then we met an old soldier, and he braced us up and said the speech was all right and just suited him. Then the postman handed the writer a Populist newspaper published in Garnett, in which he was denounced as the lickspittle of the money power, who wanted a war so as to enslave the people. "At this point of time the writer was about to turn for assistance to a well-known female, whose husband was engaged in housekeeping in Wichita. She was a very warlike female, and was seconded from a large assortment of dukes and dais of various contemporary nationalities whose names she gave to the various reporters who are looking for 'hot stuff' for the news of the day. At this time she was Joan-of-Arcting it around Kansas behind little Annie Dicks, telling the farmers to 'raise more corn, and less corn.' She and the lately lamented Leavelle, and the lately lamented Doster, had got up a war and tried to get Colonel Hughes to kill the legislature, and they court-martialed Colonel Hughes because he hadn't murdered anybody.

"Well, imagine our surprise when she published a column of remarks in which she spoke of our Savior in very complimentary terms, and deplored war. How she could counsel peace, when she was in the habit of shaking her fist under other people's noses and calling them several blank varieties of liar all at once, and how she could talk about good will to men and at the same time invoke—in such a heart-palpitating and picturesque way; and how she could talk about Jesus of Nazareth and the great crime of 1871, all in the same breath, was a surprise. We were also surprised when she said the writer had no son and was not himself able to do military duty; both of which statements were wildly irrelevant and untrue.

"Well, the writer came to the conclusion to restate the proposition. He didn't mean, when he spoke about war, of the kind of war the Populists originated in Kansas and various other places. That war did Kansas great damage, as also did the Populist wars in Illinois and Colorado. Nevertheless, although these Populists did immense damage to the state, they still did good. They educated the people. States have to be educated as well as people. Nations have to be educated as well as states, and education costs money. Kansas has learned a great deal in three years. She has picked up quite an education. War is the high school of nations. There nations get their diplomas. Some nations do not pass the examinations, but the United States always did, and Kansas always did.

"The civil war did not cost us a dollar, because we got out of it more than we put in. We got national unity and strength. We abolished slavery, we stored up patriotism, we showed Europe what we could do and took our place as a nation of the first rank. No invention has ever done more for the world than the theory of the one-day battle, begun at Pea Ridge and patented at Gettysburg. The battles of history had only lasted long enough to permit one side to get scared. The one-day battle lasted half a day to permeate through an army and then it ran. If the G. A. R. had been at Waterloo, do you suppose they would have started off early in the morning? No, they would have stayed until day after tomorrow.

"We are a nation of 70,000,000, with a duty and a destiny. We will yet put the earth into the hands of a resolute, energetic, and brave people. We have 150,000,000 of people. On us rests the duty and the destiny, to give and disseminate representative government to all people of the earth. Some day the senator from Ireland will rise up in the chamber at Washington and reply to the senator from Cuba. We have steadily progressed through war. Our revolutionary fathers were full of it. They had not fought the revolution; they would all be dead now, anyhow, and nothing accomplished.

If we were killed in battle, fighting for the right and our country, we would go to heaven, and the girls told us to go in, and when the war ended and its benefits for all time were harvested, no one was criticized who eulogized the glorious bright flag and talked of his country and its future."

BUMBLEBEE OPIUM FIENDS.

Erratic Pennsylvania Insects That Delight in Hitting the Pipe.

The argument that dumb brutes shun the beverages and drugs that man uses as a stimulant does not hold water as far as Bucks county bumblebees are concerned. Some of them have been led sadly astray and are addicted to "hitting the pipe," so to speak. Bucks county's opium joint is located on Finhook farm, about a mile west of Doylestown, the trial grounds of a well-known Philadelphia seedhouse, says the Philadelphia Ledger. In one portion of the farm are several large beds of poppy plants. It is here the bees get drunk. The poppies are not the poisonous Chinese variety from which opium is obtained, but they contain enough of the seductive juice to make a man dizzy after spending some hours in the patch. Quantities of bees can be seen lying about in the cup-shaped flowers. A recent visit to the farm was very interesting. Bees were to be seen in every stage from partial intoxication to death itself, the beautiful cups holding the dead bodies of many.

Cycling, even more popular in France than in England, has just obtained recognition in the French telegraph services.

The postmaster-general is allowing by way of experiment a limited number of messengers to use bicycles, and they will receive an extra allowance of twelve shillings a month. The old-fashioned, ordinary bicycle will not be allowed, because, says the postmaster, with a fatherly solicitude for the messengers, they are dangerous, nor tricycles, because they are cumbersome. Telegraph messengers wishing to use bicycles must not be under fifteen nor over nineteen years of age. Postmasters must ascertain whether parents or candidates have any objection to their sons' riding—London News.

—Anyone may do a casual act of good nature; but a continuation of them shows it a part of the temperament.—Sterne.

—Cocoa made for the sick should not contain any milk, but should be made with hot water.

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"I think I know why a boy that doesn't know his lessons gets a whipping sometimes," said Willie. "If he doesn't learn, it shows he isn't smart, so they whip him till he does smart."—Harper's Young People.

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